Journal commencing Oct. 31 1815
at Sea. Half past 3 P.M. {800 E. Long. fr. N. Port}
It is now just seven
(left (23d) Monday 3. P.M.
days since I with my Missy friends left
the wharf in Newbury Port to commence
our voyage to Ceylon - Thus far we can
say ~~the~~ Lord has helped us & given
us abundant cause to rejoice in his
distinguished goodness - The day of my
departure from N. Port will ever be
fresh on my memory - Accompanied by
a very large concourse of very dear friends
& spectators we went on board the
Dryade a few minutes before two P.M.
After a solemn & appropriate prayer
by Doctor Spring - a farewell Hymn to
Missys was sung when our friends all
left us - excepting brothers Putnam, Wait
& Bayley (who returned in the Pilot Boat
& we took our last look in about
fifteen minutes of many who were
very dear to us & bid farewell to our
friends & native shores

the wind was fair the afternoon pleas-ant & just before dusk I took the last look which I shall probably ever have of the American shores—

= Tuesday Oct 24 was very pleasant— an excellent breeze which wafted us more than 150 miles from N. Port — We spent this day in preparing our rooms & making our little dwellings as convenient & pleasant as possible some of our company began to experience the sea sickness— Had ~~[illegible]~~ morning prayers in our little family ~~in~~ the cabin attended by the Capt. & one of the mates. Between seven & eight had evening prayers—

Wednesday 25th Oct. Was very sick & weak with fatigue & felt much disposed to lie in bed— the wind fresh & fair Most of our company were sick

Thursday Oct 26 Much as yesterday. became very sore at my breast with puking

Friday Oct 27 1815 Most of our number rather better & able to be on duty in the forenoon At twelve a gale commenced from the south - which continued to increase until twelve at night - when it became very severe. the elements seemed to be at war with our bark - & at times threatened to swallow us up It was an awful - a trying scene at times it seemed as tho we must fall victims to the fury of the storm But in the midst of our distress the Lord appeared in answer to our prayers the winds in a moment after the severest gale we had changed into the west & became a calm - & every person & thing around us put on a new aspect - There appeared a wonderful calmness & resignation among our little band - a willingness to be in the hands of him who governs the wind & the sea - After the blow was over & the vessel had in some degree done rockin we spent a little season in prayer. when I believe every heart felt — Felt that our deliverance was from God

Saturday Oct 28 1815

Was calm & placid. We an excellent season to look back on the way in which the Lord had led us. & I hope with proffit —

This day the brethren met together for consultation — Br Richard was appointed Chairman. Br Meigs secretary We formed ourselves into a society & agreed to meet once a week. Br. Richard was appointed to preach a sermon on sabbath this was an interesting day —

Sabbath Oct. 29 —

A most delightful morn all nature around us smiling, It seemed as tho the Lord has prepared the day for us to worship him —

It was so mild ~~that~~ that we were
able sit on deck read & converse &
meditate - As the ships crew were
so busy in Morn - we delayed ~~the~~
sermon till P.M. when all were
collected on deck & had a religious
service - Mr. R. preached fm. Is.

It was a new but I trust
an interesting & reviving season to us —

During the remainder of this
week nothing very peculiar occurred - the
weather generally pleasant the wind fair
We saw two sail one bound towards
Europe the other going the same course with
us - Our little company almost free from
from sea-sickness & in comfortable health
except sister Doon who has had a very
sick week - confined to her bed by great
debility - appeared to be a little better at
the close of the week -

Sabbath Nov 7 This morning was very pleas
ant & the weather mild - All nature around
seemed to smile & welcome the return of

another sabbath — the commencement of
this day brought to my mind many pleasing
& many affecting reflections — Spent the
~~Morning~~ in reading & prayer — at 11. O'Clock
held a meeting in the Cabin & instead of
having a sermon preached we read Doct. Bu-
chanans address to the Miss^y out of the
Church Miss^y Register — In P.M. Brother
Meigs preached a sermon on deck to an
audience of twenty-four or five from these
impressive words Come unto me all
ye that labour & are heavy laden &c. The
crew generally paid good attention. The
sermon was impressive — In A.M. Brother
Bardwell visited the sailors in the
forecastle as he did last sabbath &
conversed & prayed with them — I hope
this day has not been wholly misspent
But I have reason to blush & to be ashamed
on a/c of my coldness & unthankfulness —
in the service of God. Saw a sail to day
probably bound to America Too far off to speak her

Monday — Nov 6. 1815

Last Eve. a gale from
the southeast commenced which soon

went into the East & became severe attended with very heavy showers of rain the wind & rain continued thro the day & the sea became very tempestuous - the Lord seemed to frown upon us & to threaten us with his displeasure - But we had abundant evidence that his loving kindness was not changed - He restrained the winds & the waves in their fury so that they sho^d not hurt us - I did not conceive that we were in immediate danger at any time still the winds would sometimes continue to rise so that we knew not what it wo^d terminate in My mind was usually calm I tho^t I had seasons when I was willing to be in the hand of God to live or to die this eve held the monthly prayer meeting a pleasant season

Tuesday Nov 7

Last eve the storm abated & the wether became pleasant thus in the midst of judgmts the Lord remembers mercies to us. I will bless the Lord for all his kindness. Some of our company not very well Susan better - This day spent in preparing to begin to study more regularly - I spend my time too indolently O that I may learn how to redeem the time - Have been reading Han. Mores Essays on St Paul am much pleased with it

Wednesday Nov 8.. This day the Lord has visited us with his abounding mercy. I have every reason to bless [illegible] his name for his mercies to me - Have spent the day most of it in the stern-boat reading the S.S. & Han. Mores Essays on St Paul - This Eve held our weekly prayer meeting. all the Miss^{rs} present but Sister Poor who is yet unable to attend with. tho she is recovering & was able to dine with us to day for the first time since we came on board. Thus far the Lord has protected us -

Thursday Nov 9. 1815 .

Arose before the sun to day & had a pleasant season before break fast in my retired seat in the stern boat in reading the book of the Acts the Apostles & praying May I no more sleep away my mornings but arise to spend them ~~in~~ in the service of God

This day been spent much as yesterday - think I have seldom had a more pleasant season since leaving America as I had this ~~forenoon~~ - May I ever live near to God by prayer —

Saw a Brig a head this Morn at sunrise which we found to be going the same course we were. that is East - at 4. P.M. came up with her she being about a mile to the windward - when we hoisted colours & she hoisted a Portuguese flag - probably bound to Cadiz - sails very slow - the wind is a head & has been for several days - Which puts us off our course. We ~~are~~ were at noon in Lat 34°. 33. N Long 35 West

Friday Novr 10. 1815

Another fine morning Winds yet ahead almost a calm - Tho we are retarded in our progress yet the Lord is very gracious unto us. Our Sister Poor is recovering - My health evidently better - O that I could say that my returns of love were in some degree proportioned to the mercies received - but I have reason to fear that I am departing farther & farther from God Quicken me O Lord in every good word & work that I may live more to thy glory - Commenced the study of Hebrew to day - Intend to improve my time better than I have since I came fm America Left the Portuguese Brig we saw yesterday away astern & out of sight &

Saturday Novr 11.

This morng fair but very little wind & that East - The day has been uncommonly pleasant - Spent this day in reading the Han. Mores Essays. & in study of Hebrew - My mind has been more deeply impressed with the impor=tance of living nearer to God & having a greater regard to my conduct & conversation on deck & at table. O! Lord wilt Thou forgive my past levity & want of en=gagedness for the preciousness of the souls on board — O that the Lord wd give me strength to make & keep such reso=lutions as shall be for thy glory & for the good of all on board & May I be well prepared for this sabbath — Saw a large Turtle to day. a Whale was seen N. Lat to day 35.34 N. W. Long 33.59. Wind this eve mod, favourable & fresh —

Sabbath Nov 12.

The Lord has been pleased to favour us with another pleasant sab=bath. I hope it has been in reality a day of rest in some degree to my soul. O Lord forgive my short com=ings in duty — my want of faith & zeal in thy service — I think the day has been in some respects more pleasant to me than either of the other sabbaths on board

Tho seperated far from our native land &
our religious friends with whom we
have been accustomed to worship together
yet we can have the presence of the
same God the consolations of the blessed
Spirit - God ever regards his children
wherever they are - This had a pleasant
season in the steamboat in reading &
prayer. At ½ past. 10 O.Clk. held a
religious meeting in the Cabin - Read R.
Halls sermon on the holy Spirit. At
2. O.Clk. had service on Deck. Br. Pom
preached fm 1 Saml as I live there
is but a step between me & death
His sermon was very solemn & im=
pressive - May I ever live as tho I
realized this solemn truth May I be
more circumspect more engaged for
God & for souls -
The wind has been
N.E. & we are making rapid progress on
our voyage. Capt thinks this is the Trade Winds

Monday Nov 13. 185

Another day of my life is gone & sealed up for eternity - I think my mind has been more seriously impressed & have been less disposed to the light than for several days - yet I have tried for repentance & humility - have spent time mostly in reading & studying Heb. Have had a fine breeze to day & have been able to lay our course Wind N.E. & we going S. S.E.

Tuesday Nov 14. 1815

Eve. Have spent this day wholly in reading & the study of Hebrew. I think my meditations have been more pleasant & my enjoyment in prayer more sweet than for several days. To God be all the glory for any spiritual enjoyment I may have. The wind has been strong & the vessel in great motion. From 12. o.c. yesterday until 12. to day we run 174. At noon we were in Lat N. 31° - Long 41.30 Saw a tropical bird to day. - little larger than a pigeon

Wednesday Nov 15

I have to record the distinguished mercy of God another day

This day has been observed by our little band as a day of special prayer

In A. M. 10 O'Clk met together to consider the reasons we had for humiliation & self-abasement among wh. were the judgements of God by storms & sickness but especially our spiritual dearth & ingratitude — In P. M. met to recount the mercies of God & the high obligations we were under to love God & to keep implicitly his commands — We spent an hour at each exercise in conversation prayer & singing — It was indeed a pleasant season — hope it will prove to be a profitable season to us all — May I learn to live more to God & less to myself

Saw a sail this morn at sunrise at the windward N. W. from us about 2 leagues directing her course S. W. probably for Amer.a but was too far off to speak h.

says we might leave America fifty times & not have so pleasant a passage as we have thus far had. The wind wth for several days has been ag^t^ us is now much more favourable. We now can lay our course. The weather remarkably fine, sea calm & the breeze so ~~that~~ we run about 6 knotts an hour. Think I have felt more the need of living near to God to day than usual. O how pleasant the thot that at this distance from our friends & any place dedicated to the worship of God we can meet together to celebrate his praise & service. We have the prospect of a fine calm day tomorrow for public worship on deck. May the Sp^t^ of the Lord prepare us all for the engagem^t^ & worship of himself.

Think I have an increasing desire to live nearer to God O that I may seek him by fervent prayer & faith. We are in N. Lat. & W. Long saw a sail this morn. far to the South

Sabbath Nov. 19th 1815

This day has been uncommonly fine for social & public worship. We have every to bless the Lord for his goodness – This morng we had prayers on deck at eight for the first time. Most of the sailors attended – At ten A.M. I went into the Forecastle & spent ½ hour with the sailors. found them attentive & willing to hear – Read a part of 3. Chap. Jno. & made a few remarks & prayed – Pray that the word & his blessing for without it all our exertions will be in vain. Held our meeting as usual this morn. below deck. Read a chap. fr Baxters Sts Rest I seemed like meeting together for the worship of God – In P.M. brother Bardwell preached a Sermon on Deck fr "Jesus thou Son of David have mercy on me." His object was to point out the reasonableness & duty of prayer, & the encouragements to it. Our little audience

Lat. N. 27.53 W. Long [illegible] have run 111
Miles Course South & by W. Wind East
Day very fine

Thursday Nov. 16. 1815

Arose early & spent a pleasant
hour in reading the S.S. & praying — Feel
the great need of more regular attention
to secret prayer — Intend to rise
early that I may have more time for
retirement — Feel more satisfied with
the disposal of this day than for some
time past — May I feel deeply the
importance of improving my time —

At sun set saw a sail ahead, our
course being south, standing towards us
just before dusk ship came up
with us within twenty feet our
Capt spoke her she proved to be a
Brig from Buenos Ayres 70 days since
bound to Liverpool — Capt a Scotchman
a churlish fellow not disposed to [illegible]
much or to stop. The scene was to us
peculiarly interesting as we had not seen a
sail so near since we left Amer-

We had some ~~that~~ we sho.d have been able to send letters to our friends. Our Capt requested him to report us in Liverpool

Friday Nov.r 17.

The wind still east directly against us. We know not why the Lord is thus detaining us here in the trackless Ocean, from our field of action, but he is infinite in wisdom & cannot do wrong. May we be submissive to his government. This afternoon at 3. O'Clk held a Meeting for free conversation & personal religion wh. was very interesting & hope will prove very useful. This is 25. day since we left N. Port Weather calm

N. Lat 25.

Saturday Nov.r 18.

Thus far the Lord in tender & distinguishing mercy hath led us on. What shall I render to Him for all his kindness. The Capt.

of a God — surely it was He that
made "Great Whales". I have done but
little to day as my time has been taken up
with the Whale & rigging the vessel as
the main top Royal sail has been put
up — a sail seen from us bound I
believe to the West

Tuesday Novr 21. 1815

We have made but little progress
on our way to day — The winds have been very
light & those contrary — Had the winds con-
tinued fair as they were the first ten days
we should now have been near the Equator
but now we are scarcely over the Tropic of
Cancer — By a calculation just made we are
2480 miles from Newbury Port & 420 from
Cape Verd Islands — the nearest land. The Lord
is very merciful unto us. & to me in par-
ticular. O! that I were more grateful
more mindful of his mercies. My health
is gaining every day — the general remark
is that I grow fat. Our sister Poor is
much better. & in a fair way of recovery
thus the Lord is smiling upon us, but he is
trying our patience with calms & contrary
winds — May we not murmur at his &

dealings with us but learn wisdom & humility by his judgments - I still find my heart quite hard & cold - Do not feel to realize enough the work to which I have devoted myself. O I but live more humbly & live nearer to God by prayer & faith. "Create within me O Lord a clean heart & renew a right spirit within me" -

My time has been much diverted by several Whales wh. have been playing round the Brig today. had fair views of their heels & spouts when they came out of water wh. they did every few moments. The Ship we saw yesterday has been seen all day today & is going the same way with us. She has been 12 or 15 miles off. It will be cheering to go in company with her & be so near as to talk with her occasionally - What if it sho. be the Ship Scattergood with the Baptist Miss. Br. Hough wh. sailed fr. Phil.a just before we sailed.

was attentive — How great our privileges
that we can have regular Worship.
How far better than our Miss'y brethren
in the Caravan. Our Capt. is very kind
& obliging — Sister Susan was able to
attend on Duty to day — Hope she will
will soon be able to be out with us
in all our devotions — One of our most
pleasing exercises of Devotion is singing
wh. we perform always at prayers & I
sing at other times. O! that we may
live in some degree answerably to
mercies received — but I do not — Pardon
O! Lord, the sins of my life — the sins of
my most holy things — & quicken me in
every Chn duty — Sanctify thy mercies
& thy judgments to my souls good & pre-
pare me abundantly for the great
work of a miss'y to the heathen — May
I be more careful to remember this truth
Than yet secret prayer — May I pray more
very little wind to day & that
rather ag^st^ us. have made but little progress
on our way. Lat 23.40'. Long. 29° 20' just
on the Tropic of Cancer —

Saw a sail at sunrise North East of us standing Westerly while we were going South distance abt 6 or 8 miles fm us. Capt thinks fm the Mediteranian & bound to America but she is too far off to speak her or we shod the Capt says he wod go out of his way to send letters home But the Lord has so ordered ~~that~~ the Vessels wh we have ~~seen~~ shod be at a distance fm us

Monday Novr 20. Four weeks to day since we left N. Port & yet we have not passed the Tropic of Cancer. For a fortnight past the winds have been generally agst us or we have been becalmed - But the Lord directs & directs well. Have been to day within 11 miles of the Tropic but have been going East & North of East so that we are farther fm it now than this Morng - Saw a Whale to day wh was about 30 feet long - He stayed around us a long time & often came out of water a large part of him - How clearly does he speak the existance

Wednesday Nov 22d 1815

We are still blessed with pleasant weather, but little wind & that against us we all long, & I trust pray for a fair wind & new instances for thankfulness daily occur, our sister Poor is very much better she took tea with us & was with us during a part of our weekly prayer meeting — & that the Lord wd continue his [illegible] goodness to her & us & establish her health. I have reason to regret my coldness & want of zeal in my masters cause. The Instructions of the Prudl. Commtee were read in our meeting this Eveg. May they have a deep & lasting effect on my mind & conduct — We are now south of the Tropic wh we crossed before sun rise this morn — Will the Lord speed us on our way & waft us speedily to our destined port.

Sabbath Nov 26 The last days of the last week were spent much as the first part. Commenced reading Milners Chh. History Thursday. This & Heb. I intend shall occupy most of my time for the present this day which is the Lords - I hope I have not wholly disregarded tho. have much abused it This morning fine weather - at ten A.M. visited the sailors, read a short piece & made several observations & prayed with them. May the Lord bless them with the renewing influences of the Spt. Rec'd Baptism this morn in the cabin in our social meeting. In P.M. brother Richards preached on deck from Acts What shall I do to be saved. & he said believe on the Lord J.C. &c.

We have been favoured with the finest of weather every sabbath since we came out How good is the Lord to us may I never forget or abuse his mercies Lord bless the privileges of this day to my soul & the souls of all on board

This morning a fair wind commenced had very gentle breeze & could lay our ~~course~~ course S. by E. wh we have not done before for any length of time this morn than ~~t~~ twenty days just at night wind fell & continued all night had a fine run -

Monday Nov 27. I have reason great reason to speak of the goodness of the Lord when I remember the mercies of another day — One of his distinguished favours granted is a fair & pleasant wind. We appear to have entered the Trade wind wh we have for three weeks been incessantly wishing for. We find by Lunar observations that we have been wafted west by a current within a few days more than two degrees. have almost nothing & lost so much in Longitude. It is trying to the patience to be thus delayed but He who does all things well has thus directed I would submit without a word Lord make us wholly thine make us holy — such as thou wouldst have us to be — Saw several schools of flying fish.

Wednesday Nov 29. Arose early this morn soon after day light & when I went on deck saw the mountains on the Isle of St. Anthonys (Cape De Verd). We were about

5 or 6. leagues from the Isles S. W. for it had
been nearer to it during the night but it
was so foggy it was not seen. The Lord di=
rected ~~us~~ so that we did not run ashore
After dark last night the Capt thot it prudent to
change his course fr S. by E. to S. by W. wh
probably saved us. We soon run the land
out of sight & continued our course to the W.
of S. to escape the other Isles. We have in=
deed constant reason to bless the Lord for
his goodness. A very fair wind to day. Have
run 7. & 8. knots all day. This Even held
our prayer meeting. Sister Poor with
us who is much better. I with my breth=
ren am reciting the Heb Grammer with
the intention of pursuing the Hebrew to=
gether.

Thursday Nov 30

This have observed as
a day of Thanksgiving believing ~~that~~
we were uniting with our friends &
statesmen. The day was pleasant. Br Poor
preached fr Ps. 50.14 offer unto the Lord thanks=
giving. ~~[illegible]~~ day. It was pleasant
to think that we were uniting with our
friends & had their prayers & were the sub=
ject of their conversation as they were of ours.

Have run to day 8.4 9 knots per hour - N Lat
12°.20'. W Long 24.30'

Friday Dec 1st The Lord has favoured us
with fine weather & winds to day have aver-
aged 8. knotts per hour the last day. & still
continue almost the same. The Wether grows
warmer - I am pursuing the study of Heb-
& reading Chch History My health pretty
good. I will render thanks to God for all
his great mercies to me & to all our little
number - who are now quite well -

Saturday Dec 2. At noon we were in
Lat 8°.36' about the Latitude I expect to
spend my days. Have felt the heat more
to day than any other day - but it has not
been oppressive the fine wind wh we have
renders it very pleasant on deck out of the
sun & below where the air circulates -
My mind has been called to dwell more
on the great work before me & my un-
preparedness for it at times to day than for
some time past - I feel ashamed ~~that~~ that I
am not more faithful to the sailors &
to those in the Cabin than I am - O!
that the Lord wod quicken me to greater

faithfulness in his service. May I feel the
worth of souls more & may I ever feel that
all my sufficiency is of God —

A Butterfly was seen to day
& several fish catched

My health is comfortable
I bear the hot wather tolerably well
but cannot study so much as I co^d wish
I have great need to redeem time — O
may I do it in a spiritual sense —

Sabbath Decr 3. 1815

This day has been rainy so
that we have had no services on
deck, yet I trust the Lord has been
with us in our social meetings in the
cabin — Both the morning & afternoon
meetings in the cabin have been pecu-
liarly interesting to me & I hope profit-
able. ~~to~~ Read in A.M. in Baxter's Sts Rest
Chapt. on the excellencies of Sts Rest
How much of the spirit of heavenly
does that excellent work breath. O
that I caught a little (tho' very little)
of his flame — In P.M. read Doct^r Porteus
sermon on this subject. Great effects
from little causes. ~~[illegible]~~

Just from Jas: "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth"! a most admirable sermon - & well calculated to quicken the Chr. & put him on his watch. How good is the Lord that we are permitted to enjoy such precious religious privileges! Oh! that I may henceforth live more to his Glory! - A little bird taken to day [illegible] wandered fm land & lit on one of the spars almost exhausted. It resembles a canary bird. It must have come a great way, as we are now more than 300 miles fm the coast of Africa. We put it in a stove & hope to keep it alive. Butterflies have been seen to day - Much rain has fallen & wind light & baffling - have made little progress. thus the Lord is trying us again - May we learn patience -

Monday Dec. 4. First Monday in the month - United with our pious friends & Chns. in all parts of the Chn. world in supplicating the God of mercy for the out-pouring of his holy Spirit & the diffusion of his sacred truth. Trust it was not in vain to us that we observed it

It was good for me to meet with our little Flock -

Wednesday Decr 6. still surrounded with unnumerable mercies Had a refreshing prayer meeting this afternoon. Therefore on board this floating castle crowded together we can meet together & worship God without molestation ---

Our greatest inconvenience now is bad water - This is a trial I never before experienced - but it is not so bad as some have it in this Latitude; but O! how refreshing would good water be -

By Lunar observations made it is found that a stiff current has set us 100 Miles to the west further than the dead reckoning making our Long 25. & more West & we are 4 Degs from the Equator & the S.E. trade has taken us so that we shall not be able to pass the Brazil Coast unless we get further East. In c/ of this the Capt tacked ship & we are now steering E.S.E. but we have a fine breeze - hope soon to cross the Equator if the Lord favour us —

Friday Dec. 8. Weather still very fair good breeze but ahead so that our course is S.W. when we wish to go S. This afternoon held our Conference meeting, & meeting for reproof. There was an universal complaint of coldness which ~~is~~ indeed is but too apparent in our conduct.

Sabbath very fine day the breeze wafted us gently along - altho' within 90 miles of the Equator yet the thermometer rose only to 80 Deg. Held our religious meeting as usual in the morning & read from Baxter's St. Rest 6 ch. 2 pt. 3d The char. of those who are entitled to the St. Rest. This was well calculated to lead to an examination of the heart. I was constrained to cry Lord have I the qualifications for this Rest - Did not visit the sailors in the forecastle as they turned in earlier than usual - In P.M. Br. Meigs being unwell Br. Poor preached from 2 Cor 5.17 If any man be in Christ he is a new creature &c

His sermon was plain (Extempore) & the au-
dience attentive O that the Lord would
set home the solemn truths contained in
this text upon the hearts of all who
attended with us that we may all see
to it that we are new Creatures in
Christ— Our sisters are almost all com=
plaining but sister Brown who is uncom=
monly well altho none of them are
sick — Had baked Pig to day

Monday Decr 11.

Noon Have just
crossed the Equator either a few min-
utes before or after twelve cannot
certainly determine which In Long. 27°18'
W. Am very comfortable walking on
Deck in the sun with my thin
dress on — I have suffered nothing from
the heat yet. We have been uncom-
monly favoured with a fine wind ever
since we arrived near the Equator
& have not been becalmed as most
Vessels are near the Equator for that
reason do not suffer from the heat
Thermometer stand now at 77½° —

This is the 49th ~~day of voyage~~ & 50th day of our Voyage The Capt says it is a common passage as to time & uncommon as to having such good winds near the Equator & no calms squalls & baffling winds. When we left the N.E. Trade winds we took within three hours the S.E. Trade. Thus the Lord is prospering us ——

Tuesday Dec. 12th Yesterday afternoon & eve we were expecting to see some of the relics of heathenism displayed by the sailors. That is old Neptune come on board in his iron boat to see & salute his children who have never crossed the line the center of his dominions but the sailors out of respect to us did not go thro with their usual ceremonies — To day nothing unusual has occurred. Thermometer has not risen above 78°. This Eve it is cool so that I want a woolen coat on — I am reading Milner's Chh History & attending to Hebrew. to the latter we all attend as a class —

Wednesday Dec 13. This has been a day of confusion. Have spent it partly in unpacking & repacking our books which we found ~~quite~~ covered with mould —

This morning William Pearson broke his fore arm, the Tibia of the left arm just above the wrist by a fall on deck tho very painful for a time yet was much easier after we had bandaged & splinted it up - He is very restless with it this evening - Attended our weekly prayer meeting this eve - It was an inter=esting & solemn season to me. Mrs Richards Mings & ~~Broo~~ prayed O! that such seasons might influence my life more & make me more circumspect

One of the sailors is sick, (Jno Brickett) seems to be constitutionally affected I fear on a decline - Whilst attending to his case I had some conversation with him with respect to his soul He listened with atten=tion & appeared convinced of the need of an ~~interest~~ in Christ - Caught a Booby (Bird about the colour & size of a hen) this eve who had lit on one of the spars & gone to sleep but it is gone again (a sea bird)

Thermometer this morning early at 78°. at Noon 80°.-

Friday Dec 15.

We are now in Lat. 5° 58' S. Long. 30° 16' W. opposite the Brazil coast. & about 350 miles from land. Our course is now nearly S. in which if we continue for 24 hours more with so good a wind as at present shall soon clear of the coast. The Capt has had some fears that he should fall too far West before he could get south of St. Augustine— Thus the Lord smiles upon us. We have unusual weather for this Lat. the thermometer does not rise above 80° in the Cabin & there has not been a day but I could walk the comfortable decks with my flannels & a full dress on. The evenings & mornings are cool. Sister Poor has recovered her health & all the sisters are generally healthy now but Sister Bardwell who has been rather feeble for a few days. Williams's are feels more comfortable & the sailor is better. We need nothing but right hearts to fill our hearts with constant gratitude to the great Giver of all Mercies. Surely he "crowns our lives with loving kindness & tender mercies." Am still pursuing the study of the Hebrew & Church history but cannot apply very closely to study as it affects my breast

Sabbath Decr 17 - another Lords day -
unusually pleasant - We attended to our usual
exercises - Br Miggs preached from Peter -
If the Righteous scarcely be saved where
shall the ungodly & the sinner appear -
a very solemn discourse - May the Lord
bless it to every soul on board - I have
had no special enjoyment today - have felt
languid - my health not so good as usual
Mr Poor is quite sick with an attack
of the Dysentery but is better this Eve -
The Lord is good to us & that he would
give us some souls on board with us -

Saturday Decr 23rd The six days past
nothing very interesting has occurred
The weather has been uniformly pleasant
clear fair weather - Thermometer has
stood between 78° & 81° - The breeze has been
just strong enough to fan us along
~~about~~ from 3. to 6 Knots pr hour for the
14 days past we have run 1444 miles,
& all the time the Brig has been so still
that a glass of Water would stand upon
the Table without spilling any of its.
Lat. 18°.55 S. - Long 27°.36' W. to day -
thus we make slow but pleasant
progress ~~[illegible]~~ our way - The Lord takes
care of us & wafts us along just as fast
as is best -